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SUBJ: IHC HOTEL PROJECT: DIOUF LETTER

FOR AMBASSADOR AGGREY AND VINCENT AF/W FROM CHARGE

1. BELIEVE HILTON POSSIBILITY ONLY WISHFUL THINKING ON PART OF TOURISM DIRECTOR MOUSTAPHA FALL. US EDUCATED FALL MAY CONSIDER HIMSELF US STYLE TYCOON AND MAY THINK HE CAN FORCE IHC TO ACCEPT HIS CONDITIONS UNDER THREAT OF ALTERNATE HOTEL CORP AS HE MENTIONED IN LATEST MEETING. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT HILTON OR OTHER HOTEL CORP IS INTERESTED IN PROJECT OR THAT GOS HAS CONTACTED THEM. IN FACT, PROPOSED DAKAR HILTON PROJECT HAS LINGERED NEARLY AS LONG AS IHC.

2. APPEARS THAT DIOUF, WITH LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL AND ESPECIALLY AMERICAN, BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE FOLLOWING FALL'S ADVISE ON IHC. FALL SEEMS DETERMINED TO MAKE RECORD AS TOUGH BARGAINER BUT APPEARS TO BE OVERPLAYING HIS HAND.

3. FALL RECENTLY TRIED SAME MANEUVER WITH BOEING CORP, SUD- DENLY INCREASING DEMANDS WHEN ALL APPEARED TO BE SETTLED. BOEING THREATENED TO LEAVE UNLESS ORIGINAL CONDITIONS ADHERED TO AND NOW APPEARS THAT FALL WILL ACCEPT.

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4. APPEARS TO US FALL'S PROBLEMS IS EXCESS OF ZEAL. PERHAPS AMB COULBARY CAN SUGGEST WAY TO TAME HIM SHORT OF BRINGING

IN SUCH BIG GUNS AS MORSE AND KOBELINSKI, WHICH MIGHT
RESULT IN GOS HAVING THIRD NEW TOURISM DIRECTOR IN LESS THAN
A YEAR.
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